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1. On 1 October 1951, source learned that all German women employed in barracks installations in Schwerin (M 54/T 46) would be discharged and replaced by **Russian** women by 1 November. **Russian** women, who arrived at the post on 5 and 27 September, were billeted in the Schlossgarten quarters and subsequently reassigned to the individual barracks installations. The movement of troops from the Schlossgarten quarters to Schwerin-Coerries had not been effected by 4 October, because the officers involved had objected to the condition of the billets in building No 18 in Schwerin-Coerries. Despite this delay, the forthcoming release of the houses in the Schlossgarten quarters was announced to the Land Government in Schwerin\*. On 3 October,

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source learned that Engineer Unit [REDACTED] commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Zimon (fnu) and previously quartered in the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrowerstrasse, Schwerin, was engaged in field exercises in the Ludwigslust (M 54/T 53) area. It was said that the engineer unit would not return to the Hindenburg Kaserne upon completion of the exercises, but source was unable to determine the destination of the unit. The quarters vacated by the engineer unit were to be taken over by Rocket Launcher Unit [REDACTED] under the command of Colonel Yegorov (fnu). It was rumored that the rocket launcher unit would be reinforced and that some of the quarters in the Hindenburg Kaserne would be converted into officers' billets and the attics into BM dormitories. Three target ranges in the ammunition depot at Sternbuchholz were provided with roofs for the Artillery Unit [REDACTED] in the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee. In addition, a storage shed with a floor space of 140 square meters was erected in the ammunition depot.

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2. A letter of 24 September 1951 indicated that Tank Unit [REDACTED] at the airfield of Perleberg (M 54/T 70) was reinforced by personnel from the U.S.S.R. Another letter of 1 October stated that, by request of Colonel Artemshuk (fnu), the equipment depot of Unit [REDACTED] in Spiegelhagen was reconditioned at a cost of 18,600 eastmarks.

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3. A letter of 24 September stated that Artillery Unit [REDACTED] commanded by Colonel Grechov (fnu) and stationed in the Alte Kaserne on Marstallstrasse, Ludwigslust, was reinforced by personnel from the U.S.S.R.

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4. A letter of 27 September stated that an officers' mess and club for Unit [REDACTED] under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Trapesnikov (fnu) was being built at a cost of 84,000 eastmarks on the premises of the Neue

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25X1C Kaserne on Loehnstrasse, Parchim (N 54/T 74). The same letter indicated that Tank Unit [REDACTED] was recently stationed in the Neue Kaserne. 25X1A

5. 25X1C A letter of 22 September stated that Colonel Demeryev (fnu), commanding officer of Unit [REDACTED] in the Flak Kaserne on Luebschestrass, Wismar (N 54/T 49), left for reassignment. He was succeeded by Drobot (fnu), who was recently promoted from the rank of lieutenant colonel to colonel.

6. 25X1C A letter of 18 September stated that Major Petrenko (fnu) commanding officer of MGB Unit [REDACTED] in Guestraw (N 54/T 98) was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. A total of 56,000 eastmarks were appropriated to this MGB unit for reconditioning work and the installation of heating systems in some of the unit's field agencies. \*\*

25X1A+ [REDACTED] Comment. As early as late August 1951, same source announced that the Hq IX Mtz Rifle Corps would move from the Schlossgarten quarters to Geerries airfield. 25X1A

25X1A \*\* [REDACTED] Comment.

[REDACTED] belongs to an unidentified bridge-construction unit, probably of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, which has been carried in the Hindenburg Kaserne to date.

[REDACTED] confirms the 10th Gds RL Regt (?) of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps in Schwerin until 4 October 1951 and its commanding officer, Colonel Yegorov (fnu). Yegorov is known from previous reports by the same source. Since a maximum of 12 rocket launchers had been previously observed with the unit, indicating that the rocket launcher unit had only battalion strength, the present report seems to imply that the unit is now to be brought up to regimental strength with 32 to 36 rocket launchers. 25X1A

[REDACTED] is assigned to an unidentified artillery unit in the Krueger Kaserne, Schwerin.

[REDACTED] confirms the 50th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div in Perleberg until 24 September 1951.

[REDACTED] and its commanding officer, Colonel Artemshuk (fnu) was identified by [REDACTED] a tank unit in Perleberg in August 1951.

[REDACTED] is assigned to an unidentified artillery unit, which is stationed in Ludwigslust and commanded by Colonel Crechov (fnu).

[REDACTED] confirms the 60th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div in Parchim until 27 September 1951. Lieutenant Colonel

[REDACTED] Trapesnikov (fnu) as the deputy commanding officer of the regiment. Trapesnikov may have succeeded the previous commanding officer, Colonel Lohanov (fnu).

[REDACTED] belonged to the 280th Rifle Regt of the 185th Rifle Div in World War II and was once observed with a shipment of military goods consigned to a unit in Thale in 1945. The statement in the present report is therefore doubted. Source probably misread the [REDACTED] 25X1C

[REDACTED] confirms the 280th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 14th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Wismar until 22 September 1951. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Colonel Drobot (fnu) as a lieutenant colonel and member of the regiment.

[REDACTED] has been reported from several towns in the Soviet Zone of Germany, including Guestraw, apparently as belonging to an MGB office. Same

[REDACTED] Lieutenant Colonel Petrenko (fnu) as a major in Guestraw in February 1950.

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